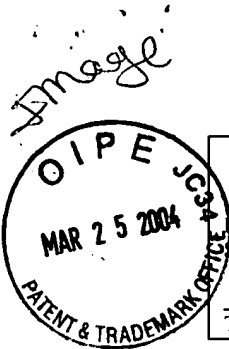


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### AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated March 18, 2004, and to the Official Action of September 29, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.